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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEES: APPROACHES TO NATO GOVERNMENTS

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1. EMBASSY RAISED SUBJECT OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES WITH MFA
DEPUTY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY HELGASON. HELGASON
SAID HE DOUBTED THAT ICELAND WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY
INDOCHINA REFUGEES EXCEPT IN EVENT ICELANDIC FAMILY MIGHT
VOLUNTARILY ADOPT AN ORPHAN. HE ADDED THAT ONLY TIME IN
RECENT YEARS THAT ICELAND HAD ACCEPTED REFUGEES WAS IN
WAKE OF HUNGARIAN UPRISING IN 1956 WHEN ICELAND TOOK 15
TO 20 REFUGEES. HE NOTED THAT HUNGARY "WAS A LOT CLOSER
TO HOME".

2. COMMENT: WITH ITS CLOSELY KNIT, HOMOGENEOUS, AND
VERY SMALL POPULATION (230,000 PERSONS), ICELAND HAS
TRADITIONALLY BEEN VERY RESTRICTIVE ON SETTLEMENT HERE
BY ANY FOREIGN NATIONALS.
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